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SUBJECT: LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM: ELECTRONIC WARFARE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR VIEWS ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND SUBSTANCE OF THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE PROGRAMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY TASK FORCE 7.
 2. WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF THE WASHINGTON EW TASK FORCE. WE ARE TAKING A NEW LOOK AT THE WHOLE SUBJECT, AND ARE GENERATING INTEREST AMONG PEOPLE
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WHO IN THE PAST HAVE NOT TAKEN THE TIME, NOR HAD THE INTEREST, TO LOOK INTO THE SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS OF EW CAPABILITIES, OR LACK THEREOF. THE INPUTS ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE US AND THOSE STILL IN PREPARATION ARE UPBEAT, AND SHOULD, WE FEEL, ELICIT BROAD BASED SUPPORT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE US INPUT WILL PROVIDE THE FILLER FOR HOLES IN SOME PARTS OF THE CINCHAN/TASK FORCE 7 REPORT.

3. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN M/GEN COOKE AND COMMODORE HARVEY LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE NO BASIC DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH. KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER PROGRAM EMPHASES WILL BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL TASK FORCE 7 REPORT. SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE US SUBMISSION, AND WHICH SHOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE ALLIES, INCLUDE

SEVERAL RELATIVELY LOW-COST INITIATIVES, SUCH AS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN FIELDING A COMMUNICATIONS JAMMING CAPABILITY AT BATTALION LEVEL, NATO DEFENSE SUPPRESSION, CAPABILITY THROUGH EW HARASSMENT DRONES, A CAPABILITY TO DEFEND SMALL SHIPS BY CHAFF/IR DECOYS, ESM/ALL WEATHER STRIKE CAPABILITY, AND CROSS-SERVICING OF CHAFF/FLARES. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE YOU THESE INPUTS BY 23 JANUARY, AND THEN TO REQUEST THAT MISSION HELP PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF US PROPOSALS.

4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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